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Whereas, The 1976 Indiana General Assembly recognized the importance of enhancing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities by enacting HEA 1198, P.L.63-1976;

Whereas, P.L.63-1976 established the Committees for the Purchase of Products and Services of People with Severe Disabilities (now called the State Use Committee) for the purpose of increasing employment and training opportunities for people with disabilities;

Whereas, P.L.63-1976 encouraged state agencies and units of local government to buy products and services from nonprofit work centers providing employment to people with disabilities by providing a statutory purchasing preference;

Whereas, The State Use Committee's efforts have resulted in the employment and training of over 21,000 people with disabilities in the 30 years since 1976 and have resulted in over \$96.8 million in sales and over \$22.4 million in wages earned by people with disabilities;

Whereas, The purchases made by state agencies and local units of government have enabled persons with disabilities to be employed, contributing members of society earning income and paying taxes in Indiana during the last 30 years;

Whereas, The State Use Committee currently partners with



more than 35 nonprofit work centers throughout Indiana offering more than 60 products and services in each of the 92 counties;

Whereas, During the 2005 fiscal year, more than 1,600 people with disabilities worked in the program, earning more than \$1.7 million of disposable income;

Whereas, Numerous products and services, such as office and cleaning supplies, highway safety items, food products, mailing, shredding, screen printing, and janitorial services at all state rest areas, have been mechanisms for increased employment and training opportunities;

Whereas, Through the good work and efforts of the State Use Committee, people with disabilities are offered opportunities to achieve greater self-worth and self-esteem, improved economic independence, and social inclusion, and the state realizes a savings through its investment in its citizens; and

Whereas, Representatives Phil Warner, Ed Cook, and Dennis Avery, and Senators Eldon Lundquist and Robert Kovach are to be lauded for their authorship and sponsorship of this important legislation for the state and its persons with disabilities: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its
- 2 continued commitment to citizens with disabilities by encouraging the
- 3 continued and expanded procurement of approved products and
- 4 services from those nonprofit agencies employing people with
- 5 disabilities.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 7 immense value provided to the state as a whole and its people with
- 8 disabilities employed as a result of the enactment of P.L.63-1976 on
- 9 February 25, 1976, and the 30 year existence of the State Use Program.
- 10 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly continues to
- 11 authorize and encourage state agencies and units of local government
- 12 to participate in the State Use Program and congratulates those agencies



1 and units that do so, as well as the State Use Committee, the Central
2 Coordinating Agency, the nonprofit work centers, and the thousands of
3 Hoosiers participating in the program for the last 30 years.

